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THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM (on behalf of the Hon. Sri V. Kurmayya) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Not yet.

" (*c*) *to* (*e*) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to the answers to clauses (*c*) to (*e*), may I invite the attention of the Hon. the Premier to the fact that a communication has been sent to the Collectors of districts and that they have invited the opinion of the District Advisory Committees. May I know what the nature of the communiiation was? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I may submit, Sir, that hon. Members of the House may avoid having recourse to the cross-examination methods like this, but straightaway say what they know and put supplementary questions. Now, the hon. Member says that some communications have been sent to the Collectors. Naturally communications might have been sent to Collectors after so much debate in both Houses on that matter of one crore of rupees allotted for Harijan uplift. I cannot tell the hon. Member now what exactly the communication is about. I shall let him know later."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" May I draw the attention of the Hon. the Premier that the answer given by him to the hon. Member is a little different from the answer furnished to me here? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I know it Sir, and I wanted to change the answer. I should apologise to you, Sir, for not having furnished you with the revised answer. I have found it only after looking at the answer myself. I am very sorry that this had not been noticed by the Hon. Mr. Kurmayya himself."

Grant of one crore of rupees for Harijan uplift.

* 70-B *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. Prime Minister be pleased to state with regard to the statement made on the floor of the Assembly on Wednesday afternoon regarding the grant of one crore of rupees to be spent on Harijan uplift for the benefit of Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras and not of other scheduled castes who the Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras are?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" Adi-Andhras include Arundathiyas or Madigas, scavengers, Maladasus and Madigadasus ; Adi-Dravidas mean all the untouchables living in Tamilnad or Tamil-speaking districts."

SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM :—" Do they not include Cherumas and Holiyas, Sir "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I believe so, Sir."

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Mr. K. O. ANTHONI :—" In view of the fact that in the matter of giving scholarships and boarding grants, converts to Christianity from Harijans have been included in the terms Adi-Andhras and Adi-Dravidas, will the hon. the Premier consider the desirability of examining the question of inclusion of converts to Christianity for this purpose also?"

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" No, Sir."

Establishment of the Legislature Secretariat.

* 84 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the pay of the officers and establishment of the Legislative Department is the same as that of officers of the same category and of similar establishment in the other departments of the Secretariat;

(*b*) whether their recruitment, appointment, leave and pension are governed by the same rules as those of the other sections of the Secretariat;

(*c*) whether this branch of administration received the consideration of the Salaries Committee, and, if so, what were their recommendations;

(*d*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of raising the status and emoluments of the officers, and of the establishment at least approximate to those of the other branches of the Secretariat;

(*e*) whether any temporary staff is recruited during the sessions of the Legislature; and

(*f*) whether there is a proposal to increase the permanent staff to avoid the need for temporary establishment paid from the contingencies?"

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) A comparative statement[a] of the pay of officers and establishment is placed on the Table. It will be seen that while the pay of officers is not the same, that of the establishment of the same category is the same.

" (*b*) The rules governing recruitment and appointment are different.

" As regards leave, the Legislature Secretariat is treated as a vacation department, while the main Secretariat is not so treated. The amount of leave earned by the staff of the Legislature Secretariat under Fundamental Rules will be reduced by one month for each year of duty in which the Government servant has availed himself of the vacation and by 45 or 30 days according as he earns leave under Madras Leave Rules, 1933, at the rate of one-seventh or one-eleventh of the period spent on duty.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 510 infra.